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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6898

BILL NUMBER: SB 218

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Billing and Claims for Anatomic Pathology Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies requirements for billing and claims related to anatomic pathology services.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would prohibit a health care provider from ordering anatomic pathology services for a patient, having the laboratory bill the provider, allowing the health care provider to bill the patient or the patient's third-party payer at a higher rate than that charged by the laboratory. This practice is not allowed by Medicaid in Indiana.

The bill would allow a licensing board to revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license or certification of a health care provider who intentionally violates the provisions of the bill. Any additional cost related to a licensing body's actions against a provider that violates the provisions of this bill would depend on the number of violations that occur and are likely to be small.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

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